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In re Application of
Frazzitta, et al.
Application No. 08/889,033
Filed: July 7, 1997
For: TRANSACTION SYSTEM

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DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed July 16, 2002, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 28, 2002.

Petitioner asserts that a proper response was timely filed in the form of a Supplemental Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2). A review of the record indicates that the Supplemental Appeal Brief was timely received by the Office on October 4, 2001, and was subsequently matched with the application file but not entered. Consequently, there is no abandonment in fact.

For the reasons stated above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. Any inconvenience caused to petitioner is regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center's technical support staff for entry of the Supplemental Appeal Brief. Thereafter, the file will be forwarded to the Examiner for appropriate action.

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